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SUBJECT: IFAD - NEGOTIATION OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREE-MENT BETWEEN ECOSOC AND IFAD

REF: 77 USUN NEW YORK 942

1. WE SHARE HOPES OF USUN AND AMBASSADOR MAGHOUB EXPRESSED REFTEL THAT INTRA-FACTIONAL DISPUTES RE UN-IFAD RELATION-SHIP CAN BE MINIMIZED, CONSENSUS ACHIEVED, AND RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT RECEIVE PRO FORMA ENDORSEMENT OF ECOSOC. TO THIS END WE ARE REVISING DRAFT QUOTE EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES UNQUOTE WHICH IFAD PREPCOM SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY TO ECOSOC WITH VIEW TO SMOOTHING PROCESS OF ENDORSEMENT BY ECOSOC. WE WILL FORWARD OUR REVISED DRAFT AS WELL AS VERSION AGREED TO BY UPCOMING PREPCOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. AT SAME TIME, WE WANT TO CLARIFY USG POSITION WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT THE IFAD-UN RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE PATTERNED AFTER THOSE OF THE WORLD BANK AND IMF. WE BELIEVE IFAD MUST ENJOY AUTONOMY IN ITS POLICY FORMULATION AND OPERATIONS. USG WILL PARTICIPATE IN ECOSOC NEGOTIATING

TEAM AND INTENDS TO PURSUE THIS LINE ON THIS QUESTION TO ENSURE SUCH AUTONOMY.

3. WE ARE HOPING FOR EARLY ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE IFAD ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT (AS DISTINGUISHED FROM THE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT) BUT DO NOT REGARD ECOSOC AGREEMENT WITH IFAD OF OTHER RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS AS NECESSARY CONDITION FOR THIS, AS IMPLIED REFTEL PARA 5.

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